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August 7, 1951

Memorandum for: Mr. Frank G. Wisner

Subject: Visit of ex-King Zog of
Albania

There is transmitted a memorandum
of conversation on the above subject
which I believe may be of interest to you.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: August 1, 1951
1:00 pm

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation Concerning visit of ex-King Zog
(Albania) to Department

PARTICIPANTS: William T. Frary alias Baron Frary von Blomberg
EE - Mr. Marcy

COPIES TO: EUR - Mr. Bonbright
S/P - Mr. Joyce (2 copies)
H - Mr. Moreland
S/S-PR

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Mr. Frary, who was sent by ex-King Zog (Albania) to Washington yesterday to ride hard on Zog's request for appointment within the Department, called to inquire whether or not there had been any developments. I informed him, pursuant to instructions from Mr. Bonbright of this morning, that an appointment had been arranged for 4:00 pm Wednesday, August 8th. Unfortunately, although Mr. Perkins would personally like very much to receive Zog, his schedule was so taken up at present by Congressional and other matters that it was impossible to state at this time whether or not Mr. Perkins himself would be able to receive Zog. In the event Mr. Perkins was unable to do so, I informed Mr. Frary, Mr. Bonbright had indicated his willingness to do so.

Mr. Frary then inquired as to whether Mr. Perkins or Mr. Bonbright had agreed to call upon King Zog at his suite in the hotel (unspecified). When I remonstrated that such an inquiry had not previously been made to the Department Mr. Frary continued at some length to explain that Zog felt that as the present head of the Albanian state he would first present his card to President Truman and then to Secretary Acheson and that thereafter, were he received by an official of lower rank, that official should call upon him. I reminded Mr. Frary that at the time he and I had informally discussed Zog's visit to the United States I had explicitly stated that the United States Government did not recognize Zog in any official capacity. Although, as I had already mentioned to Mr. Frary, the specific request that a Departmental official call upon King Zog had not been presented to the Department, it was my personal opinion that the requirements of protocol were so rigid that were such a request to be formulated the Department would be forced to decline.

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Mr. Frary replied that if it was my personal advice to him not to raise such question he would not do so and that he thought Zog, recognizing the realities of the situation, would acquiesce. The matter was left that Zog would appear here for the appointment unless Frary or some other representative of Zog communicates with the Department in the meantime.

In connection with the discussion as to whether or not Zog would call upon the Department or be called upon by an official of the Department, Mr. Frary stated that it was Zog's hope that the person who was to receive him on the part of the United States Government would accept an invitation to lunch or dinner from him. I replied that if Zog was content not to raise the question of protocol as to whether or not he should call upon or be called upon by the Department I believe the question of such an invitation could be treated beyond the rigid rules of protocol as a purely personal matter. I continued that under such circumstances I was personally sure that either Mr. Perkins or Mr. Bonbright would be very pleased to accept Zog's invitation, but that it was entirely possible, if not probable, that they would be physically unable to do so because of their crowded schedule. Mr. Frary retorted that he would like to leave it at that; that Zog would call upon the Department and that Zog's invitation would be extended on a non-protocol basis to either or both Mr. Perkins and Mr. Bonbright.

I informed Mr. Frary that, as Zog's request for an appointment within the Department had been accompanied by the expression of Zog's desire that an Albanian interpreter be present, the Department would arrange for such an interpreter.

One other question which arose during the conversation was that of Zog's body guards. Mr. Frary informed me that Zog has three men who are authorized to carry revolvers and who continually accompany Zog as his body guard. He first stated that these individuals had made the necessary formal arrangements with the police authorities in New York and inquired as to whether such arrangements were necessary within the District. I replied that I was not informed but that I would certainly recommend that the police authorities be approached and whatever formalities may be required complied with. I then asked whether or not Zog would wish to bring these gentlemen to the Department for his appointment, commenting that although they might be permitted entry and be allowed to wait in an anteroom, I was afraid there might be some difficulty if Zog wished to have them accompany him into Mr. Perkins' or Mr. Bonbright's office. Mr. Frary retorted that he did not know what Zog's wishes were in this matter but that he did not believe there would be any difficulty.

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